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SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT OF INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS OFFICIAL

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1. PERMSEC FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY AND TOURISM F.P. KALILOMBE, AND DIRECTOR OF TOURISM T.J.X. MUWAMBA EXPRESSED HIGH INTEREST PROPOSED AUGUST VISIT BY INTERCONTINENTAL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ROSS.

2. SITE SELECTED AND PRELIMINARY STUDIES DONE FOR NEW HOTEL IN LILONGWE; PRESENT THINKING IS PHASED DEVELOPMENT WITH INITIAL STAGE IN 190-BED RANGE. MALAWI DEVELOPMENT CORP., CAPITAL CITY DEVELOPMENT CORPMN CARLSBERG BREWERIES HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION BUT NO COMMITMENTS YET MADE. PRESENT LILONGWE HOTEL (MOTEL-STYLE) WITH CAPACITY OF 83 IS HEAVILY BOOKED. GOM BELIEVES NEW LILONGWE AIRPORT RUNWAY CAPABLE OF HANDLING ALL JETS WILL BE COMPLETED 1977.

3. PRESENT GOM TOURISM PLANNING IS INITIALLY TO CONCENTRATE DEVELOPMENT OF LAKE MALAWI ON NANKHUNDA PENINSULA AT SOUTHERN END WHERE CONVENIENT TO BLANTYRE AND PAVED ROAD EXISTS. GOM BELIEVES NEXT SETP IS TWO 150-200 BED HOTELS NEAR MONKEY BAY AND CAPE MACLEAR.

4. KALILOMBE AND MUWAMBA WOULD APPRECIATE LIST OF
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